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1. AFTER RECEIPT FINAL SOVIET APPROVAL FOR AIRCRAFT DELIVERY OF MAGNET, AN UPDATED VERSION OF PRESS GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF B WILL BE PROVIDED, TO BE USED ONLY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS.

2. ON JUNE 13 A PRESS PACKET WILL BE MAILED TO US EDITORS, WITH MATERIAL EMBARGOED UNTIL JUNE 18. AT SAME TIME, COPY OF PACKET WILL BE PROVIDED TASS REPRESENTATIVE.

- 3. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, COPIES OF PRESS PACKET WILL BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY, HOPEFULLY JUNE 1 OR 2.
- 4. PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT O'HARE AIRPORT ON DAY OF LOADING, PROBABLY JUNE 18, TO WHICH SOVIET EMBASSY WILL BE INVITED SEND REPRESENTATIVE.
- 5. RE CEREMONY, RANKING USG REPRESENTATIVES ON PLANE WILL

BE DR. WILLIAM D. JACKSON, DIRECTOR, MHD DIVISION, ERDA AND DR. ROBERT SACHS, DIRECTOR OF ARGONNE LAB. FROM EMBASSY, IT IS HOPED AMBASSADOR AND SCIENCE COUNSELOR WILL BE PRESENT, PLUS OTHERS AS DESIRED. ON SOVIET SIDE, WE UNDERSTAND DR. SHENDLYN WILL BE PRESENT, AND PERHAPS ALEKSANDROV FROM ACADEMY (PER REF C). PRESS SHOULD BE INVITED. ONLY "CEREMONY" WOULD INVOLVE EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS AS PASSENGERS DEPLANE UPON ARRIVAL. PRESS COULD BE INVITED TO MEET VIP'S INFORMALLY AND REMAIN TO VIEW UNLOADING OF MAGNET WHICH INVOLVES SOME DELAY AFTER ARRIVAL SO THAT VIP'S WOULD NOT WANT TO NOR HAVE TIME TO REMAIN. NO SPEECHES WOULD BE GIVEN ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN.

- 6. AIR FORCE WOULD LIKE TO PREPOSITION PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER LANDING OF AIRCRAFT. PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED. REPLY DIRECTLY TO USAF AND MAC.
- 7. ARGONNE LAB WILL HAVE THREE MAN TEAM ON AIRCRAFT TO FILM UNLOADING. JACKSON WILL REQUEST IVTAN DIRECTLY TO PROVIDE VEHICLE AND DRIVER FOR FILM TEAM TO TRAVEL WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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MAGNET ON WAY TO IVTAN. AIR FORCE PHOTO TEAM WOULD LIKE TO DO SAME BUT WILL TRANSMIT REQUEST DIRECTLY TO DAO TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

- 8. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM SOVIET SIDE OF ABOVE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING US INTENTION NOT TO INITIATE MAJOR PRESS COVERAGE UNTIL JUNE 18 WHILE JUST ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN MEANTIME. EMBASSY COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS ON "CEREMONY" WELCOME.
- 9. SOVIET NAVIGATOR WHO IS TO ACCOMPANY AIRCRAFT SHOULD BOARD IN CHICAGO. THUS, HE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO ARRIVE ON AEROFLOT IN WASHINGTON, JUNE 14 AT 1805 AT DULLES AND GO ON TO CHICAGO NEXT DAY. ERDA WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. ASSUME NAVIGATOR WILL BE ABLE SPEAK ENGLISH. PLEASE CONFIRM THESE UNDERSTANDINGS AND PROVIDE NAME.

10. THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGE OF BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENTS BY JACKSON AND SHENDLYN TO PROVIDE MORE SUBSTANCE TO CEREMONY. WILL INFORM FURTHER SOONEST. CHRISTOPHER

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